

Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement of June 14, 2005, the applicant elects Fig. 3 for the species (frame), Fig. 10 for the sub-species (retractor), Fig. 3A for the sub-sub-species (jig) and Fig. 17 for the sub-sub-sub-species (support).

Claims 1-3, 9 (as amended herein), 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24, 27, 31,-34, 36, 37, 40-43 are readable on the elected species.

The restriction requirement mailed on June 14, 2005 did not list Fig. 3A as a sub-sub-species (jig). However, pursuant to a telephone discussion on June 28, 2005 between Examiner Araj and the undersigned, Examiner Araj agreed Fig. 3A showed an alternative jig design and indicated that an election of Fig. 3A as the sub-sub-species would be acceptable.

The applicant also wishes to note that, as described on pages 7-8 of the application, the different types of retractors listed in the restriction as sub-species may be used together on the same frame, and the blade of Fig. 11 is intended to be used with the blades of the different types of retractors.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this application; however, please charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-4972.

It is submitted that all the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Consideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy M. Murphy', written over a horizontal line.

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